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REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE ACTIVITIES OF THE OFFICE OF INTERNAL OVERSIGHT SERVICES

Letter dated 30 June 1997 from the Chairman of the Special Committee on the Situation with regard to the Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples addressed to the Secretary-General

On behalf of the Special Committee, I should like to refer to the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services dated 11 October 1996 (A/51/486). The Fifth Committee and the General Assembly, in their decisions of 6 and 13 June 1997 (see A/51/922, para. 11), respectively took note of the aforementioned report. However, no action was taken with respect to the report on the regional seminars of the Special Committee (A/AC.109/2085), which is closely related to the report of the Office of Internal Oversight Services and clarifies some of its erroneous conclusions.

I wish to kindly draw the attention of Member States to the Special Committee's report. I also hope that before issuing future reports criticizing a major programme authorized by the General Assembly, the Office of Internal Oversight Services would first seek the views of the committee concerned and, second, avoid reaching erroneous conclusions which could damage such a noble goal as decolonization, which is one of the major achievements of the United Nations.

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I would be grateful if the text of the present letter could be issued as a document of the General Assembly, under items 18 and 145 of the preliminary list.

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